

## MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICE (MAD) TAX

A license fee and occupation tax are imposed on operators and distributors of mechanical amusement devices, such as coin-operated video games. All proceeds are credited to the General Fund.

Through December 31, 1999, the licensing fee is \$250 for applicants operating a minimum of ten machines. No fee is required for applicants operating less than ten machines. The occupation tax is \$50 per device placed in operation prior to

April 1, 1999. Machines placed in operation after April 1, and before January 1, 2000, are taxed \$25 per machine.

Beginning on January 1, 2000, annual licensing applications are to be filed by January 1, and licensing fees are not required. The occupation tax is \$35 per device placed in operation prior to July 1, and \$20 per machine placed in operation after July 1, 2000.

TABLE 10 — MAD TAX RECEIPTS

Month	2000	1999	1998
January	\$39,935	\$6,098	\$3,065
February	12,665	7,700	3,810
March	5,125	5,775	2,120
April	3,035	5,725	2,555
May	5,625	2,650	980
June	3,370	4,525	645,770
July	8,935	2,850	91,125
August	2,195	3,450	16,075
September	1,145	3,200	9,450
October	530	1,200	9,250
November	91,205	65,235	6,135
December	352,210	376,175	12,780
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$525,975</b>	<b>\$484,583</b>	<b>\$803,115</b>

## SEVERANCE TAX

Severance tax is levied upon the value of oil and gas severed or removed from the land. Oil and gas taken from stripper and nonstripper wells is subject to the tax. The tax is paid by every person severing oil or natural gas from land in Nebraska unless the severed oil or natural gas is sold in Nebraska. If the oil or gas is sold in Nebraska, then the first purchaser in Nebraska pays the tax.

The severance tax rate is three percent of the value of the nonstripper oil, three percent of the value of the natural gas,

and two percent of the value of stripper oil.

Tax on oil or gas severed from public school lands is credited to the Permanent School Fund. For oil or gas severed from all other lands, one percent of the gross tax receipts is credited to the Severance Tax Administration Fund, up to \$300,000 may be appropriated by the legislature to the State Energy Office Cash Fund, up to \$30,000 may be appropriated to the Governor's Policy Research Office, and the remainder is credited to the Permanent School Fund.

TABLE 11 — SEVERANCE TAX RECEIPTS

Month	2000	1999	1998	1997
January	138,163	\$57,089	\$129,539	\$161,253
February	173,956	\$51,020	\$94,281	\$157,436
March	229,328	\$63,053	\$111,778	\$142,634
April	106,708	\$36,415	\$90,300	\$145,779
May	142,481	\$74,892	\$90,503	\$96,231
June	221,885	\$93,379	\$130,089	\$171,748
July	186,232	\$100,646	\$57,461	\$105,033
August	149,369	\$77,245	\$82,088	\$114,838
September	224,693	\$121,777	\$60,067	\$124,671
October	209,143	\$106,523	\$62,223	\$119,116
November	8,010	\$149,609	\$65,263	\$97,340
December	317,558	\$85,184	\$89,201	\$152,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,107,526</b>	<b>\$1,016,833</b>	<b>\$1,062,793</b>	<b>\$1,588,291</b>